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9 November 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Far East Division

SUBJECT : Mr. Ehrlichman's 21 October 1971 Memorandum
to the DCI

1. In response to Mr. Ehrlichman's memorandum, we have assembled a set of the material he requested bearing on the November 1968 halt of the bombing of North Vietnam. As you are aware, these documents were among those affected by the "freeze" on circulation of intelligence reports and preparation of analytic studies personally imposed by President Johnson during October 1968.

2. All of the documents listed on Mr. Ehrlichman's Attachments 1 through 4 have been recovered, save one in Attachment 3. Extensive efforts to locate this report -- 25 October 1968 - [REDACTED] Visit to Saigon" -- have, thus far, gone for naught. Our checks to date make us think this document is based on a [REDACTED] report sent from Paris on or about 23 October 1968 as [REDACTED] or, possibly, [REDACTED]. These OFP's were, alas, apparently mis-logged in the [REDACTED] records, which do not show the cite number of the cable(s) by which they were transmitted. [REDACTED] is also missing from the [REDACTED] aperture cards.

3. Your colleagues have been most helpful in collecting the documents we have assembled and in our search for the one missing report. I am naturally loathe to tell the DCI that the Agency simply cannot locate a document of whose existence the White House is aware and which we flagged to the latter's attention in March 1970. It is my understanding that when the Johnson "freeze" was lifted, the office of the DDP sent out two complete sets of the documents affected thereby, keeping no record copies of its own. One of these sets came to us; the other went to your office, which forwarded it on to [REDACTED] in turn, apparently broke the set up and distributed the component documents to appropriate subject,

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project or production files. Before we confess failure to the Director, I would appreciate very much your commissioning a final intensive search (or re-search) by your associates through any or all logs, drawers or files -- 201, production, subject, chrono, etc. -- in which our elusive missing document might possibly have come to rest.

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